

Antelope Valley Health Neighborhood Brings Providers Together

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On Thursday, April 7, 2016, the Antelope Valley Health Neighborhood held its monthly meeting. This collaboration brings together health, mental health, substance use disorder treatment and public health providers along with a variety of social service and community support agencies who are working together to improve the health and wellness of the residents of the Antelope Valley. The focus of their work has been to improve the quality of care provided to neighborhood residents. Through this work, service providers have been able to expand their referral options to help consumers who have multiple chronic conditions such as depression, diabetes, and substance use disorders. They have also begun to look at ways they can improve coordinating care between different types of services. Community agencies have benefitted from learning about and being able to give feedback on navigating the sometimes complicated healthcare system. Many community agencies and supports have joined and have been able to share information on the variety of programs that they can offer to consumers.

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Service Area 1 Mental Health Clinical Program Manager III JoEllen Perkins said, “The collaboration has grown since we began a year ago, with an increase in enthusiasm and energy. The personal connections have strengthened the collaborations between and amongst the participants and created opportunities for new relationships. It’s been a pleasure to watch the neighborhood evolve.”

The participants include the LA County Departments of Mental Health, Health Services, Public Health, Child and Family Services, and Probation as well as Antelope Valley Partners for Health, Children’s Center of the Antelope Valley, Penny Lane Centers, Tarzana Treatment Center, Hathaway-Sycamores Family Services, Lancaster and Palmdale School Districts, Best Start – First 5 LA, Bartz-Altadonna Community Health Center, AV Hospital, AV Community Clinic, NAMI, Client Advocates, and many other agencies and programs from the Antelope Valley.